

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 27, 2023**

Call to Order: Chair Bob Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and the following members answered roll call:

Margaret Tyne	Lisa Wiersema
Brian Duncan	Kate Boyle
Danelle Burrs	Sam Ramirez
Student Trustee, Meg Frank	

SVCC Staff: President, Dr. David M. Hellmich  
Vice President of Academics and Student Services, Dr. Jon Mandrell  
Vice President of Advancement, Dr. Lori Cortez  
Vice President of Business Services, Kent Sorenson  
Director of Facilities, Rich Groleau  
Director of Human Resources, Kathryn Snow  
Dean of Information Technology, Kathy Dirks  
Director of Research and Planning, Aaron Roe  
Board Assistant, Peggy Eshleman  
Director of Athletics, Mike Stevenson  
Mental Health and Academic Counselor, Valerie Kern-Lyons  
Men's and Women's Tennis Coach, Sara Kipping

Guests: George Howe, WIXN Radio  
Kris Noble, Executive Director of the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce

Consent Agenda: It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve the consent agenda. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Frank voted aye. Motion carried.

President's Report: Dr. Hellmich welcomed everyone and introduced Dr. Mandrell who invited Mike Stevenson to celebrate the successes of Sauk's student athletes. Mike presented the student athletes who have competed or will compete in Nationals and those who have been placed on the President's and/or Dean's List. Mike congratulated all the students by telling them they should be proud of their achievements. Coach Sara Kipping congratulated and recognized her student athletes. Mike concluded by praising the entire athletic staff as well as the Admission and Records personnel and Valerie Kern-Lyons who is the Academic Counselor for the athletes.

Dr. Hellmich recognized the College's important partnership with the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce and introduced the Chamber's Executive Director, Kris Noble, who shared the Chamber's 2022 annual report. Kris said that SVCC is at the very heart of what the Chamber does, and she indicated her appreciation for the part the College plays in enhancing the economic climate and quality of life in the Sauk Valley area. Kris mentioned some of the Chamber and College partnerships, including the CEO Program, the Sauk Valley Community Leadership Program, and the Sauk Valley Keystone Group. Kris concluded by praising the Impact Program students who have volunteered with the Chamber.

Dr. Hellmich asked Kent Sorenson to provide Capital Budget Updates. Kent explained locally funded sources, state grants and appropriations, and federal grant initiatives. He reviewed capital projects specific to SVCC. Rich Groleau explained the scope of the West Campus Project. Kent and Rich answered questions from trustees as to the project.

Reports/Comments from  
Board Members:

*Student Trustee Report:* Meg Frank presented highlights of February events and outlined upcoming March events, including *The Secret to Being Unstoppable*, SGA Elections, Ultimate Laser Tag, Violinist Alex Ahn, and a blood drive.

*Foundation Report:* Dr. Cortez reported on the success of the *Chocolate Rendezvous*, indicating that while final figures are not yet in, at this point approximately \$40,000 was raised for the Impact Program. Lori said over 9,000 volunteer hours have been completed by Impact students. She answered questions and sought feedback from trustees on the *Chocolate Rendezvous*. Lori highlighted the February Points of Pride – the Impact Program, Student Success with the Sauk Launch program, and the “Top Workplace” award the College received from a Sauk Valley Media poll.

*ICCTA Report:* Chair Thompson will be in Lombard next week for the ICCTA March meeting. He announced the inaugural SVCC Police Academy graduation will be held on Friday, April 14, at 2:00 p.m., at the Sterling Centennial Auditorium, and encouraged anyone to attend.

Trustee Margaret Tyne highlighted her early February trip to Washington, D.C. for the ACCT Legislative Summit. She was able to have a one-on-one meeting with Representative Darin LaHood, and she attended an open house with other community college trustees with Representative Eric Sorensen. Highlights of the discussions were Perkins funds and childcare on campuses. Margaret was grateful for the opportunity and found it interesting to meet and converse with people from other areas of the country. Her trip concluded with a workshop for rural community colleges where she heard a presentation on helping community colleges improve their academic job placement.

Tuition and Fee  
Adjustments for 2023-  
2024 Academic Year:

It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Duncan the Board approve the tuition and fee adjustments as presented. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Frank voted aye. Motion carried.

Full-Time Faculty  
Appointments 2023-2024:

It was moved by Member Burrs and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve the full-time faculty appointments for 2023-2024 as presented. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Frank voted aye. Motion carried.

Administrator  
Appointment – Dean of  
Health Professions:

It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Boyle the Board approve the appointment of Pamela Eubanks as the Dean of Health Professions beginning May 29, 2023, at an annual base salary of \$91,041.60. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Frank voted aye. Motion carried.

Faculty Sabbatical  
Request:

It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Student Trustee Frank the Board approve the sabbatical request for Professor Valerie Kern-Lyons for the Spring 2024 semester. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Frank voted aye. Motion carried.

Naming Rights:

It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve the naming rights of the third-floor conference room, 3L14. In a roll call vote, five voted aye; Members Wiersema and Tyne voted nay. Student Trustee Frank voted aye. Motion carried.

Amendment to Trust  
Agreement – Capital  
Development Board (State  
of Illinois) Project No.  
810-084-013 “Replace Air  
Handlers”:

It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Tyne the Board approve the attached Amendment to Trust Agreement with the Capital Development Board to proceed with the CDB coordinated project to upgrade the College’s HVAC infrastructure. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Frank voted aye. Motion carried.

Closed Session: It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Ramirez to move into closed session at 7:29 p.m.

Closed session concluded at 7:34 p.m.

Adjournment: Since the scheduled business was completed, it was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Ramirez that the Board adjourn. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Frank vote aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next meeting: The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, March 27, 2023, in the Riverview Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

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Margaret Tyne, Secretary